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PROJECT IN BANGLADESH

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1. UNDER CONDITION (8) OF FINANCING AGREEMENT BETWEEN BANK AND EEC, PRIORITY SHALL BE GIVEN, IN UTILIZING EEC GRANT FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, TO FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS FROM DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES OF BANK AND FROM EEC COUNTRIES, AND APPLICANTS FROM OTHER ADB MEMBER COUNTRIES SHALL, HOWEVER, NOT BE EXCLUDED IN EXECEPTIONAL CASES, FOR WHICH A SPECIFIC JUSTIFICATION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE TO EEC. IN ADDITION TO THIS PROVISIONS, THERE IS ANOTHER RELEVANT PROVISION SET FORTH IN CONDITION (7) OF FINANCING AGREEMENT TO EFFECT THAT BANK WILL HANDLE SELECTION OF CONSULTANTS WITH DUE DILIGENCE AND CARE, AND QUOTE IF NOT SPECIFIED
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OTHERWISE IN THIS AGREEMTNT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS NORMAL PROCEDURES APPLICABLE TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE UNQUOTE. FURTHERMORE, IT IS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 8 OF ADB DOC. R132-76 DATED 3 DECEMBER 1976 ENTITLED OFFER OF EEC OF A GRANT FUND FOR TA OPERATIONS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE ....HOWEVER, THE BANK WILL EXECUTE THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN

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ACCORDANCE WITH ITS NORMAL PROCEDURES FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OPERATIONS AND IN CONFORMITY WITH ITS GUIDE-LINES ON THE USE OF CONSULTANTS. IN THE EVENT THE CONSULTANTS SELECTED BY THE BANK ARE FROM NON-PRIORITY COUNTRIES AND ARE NOT ACCEPTED BY EEC, THEIR SERVICES WILL BE FINANCED BY THE BANK FROM OTHER RESOURCES. IN SUCH CASES, THE BANK MAY SUBSTITUTE ANOTHER PROJECT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE EEC AND THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY UNQUOTE. IT IS CLEAR FROMABOVE THAT SELECTION OF CON-SULTANTS WILL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANK'S GUIDELINES AND NORMAL PROCEDURES, ALTHOUGH IN FINANCING OF CONSULTANTS, EEC MAY ACCORD PREFERENCE TO THOSE FROM PRIORITY COUNTRIES.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH BANK'S NORMAL PROCEDURES, CONSULTANTS SELECTION COMMITTEE, DULY COMPOSED OF CON-CERNED STAFF MEMBERS FROM PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS DEPRTMENTS, MET ON 18 AND 22 FEBRUARY 1977 TO EVALUATE AND RANK PROPOSALS RECEIVED FROM FIVE FIRMS FOR THE MEGHNA-DHONAGODA IRRIGATION PROJECT. AFTER EXAMINING TECHNICAL QUALITY OF THESE PROPOSALS, COMMITTEE DECIDED ON 22 FEBRUARY 1977 TO RANK CHUO KAIHATSU CORPORATION THE FIRST-IN-LINE. SINCE THE THREE VOTING MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE (I.E., PROJECT MANAGER OF CONSULTING SERVICES DIVISION, PROJECT MANAGER CONCERNED AND OPERATP, MANAGER CONCERNED) WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH THIS RANKING, DECISION OF COMMITTEE SHALL BE FINAL, ACCORDING TO BANK'S PROCEDURES.

3. POSSIBILITY OF RECRUITING CONSULTANTS FROM NON-
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PRIORITY COUNTRIES UNDER BANK-EEC ARRANGEMENT HAD BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED TO EEC OFFICIALS DURING VISIT OF A BANK MISSION TO BRUSSELS IN FEBRUARY 1977. FURTHERMORE, WHEN DR. G. BRUNER, HEAD OF DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE IN DG VIII OF EEC, VISITED BANK IN MARCH 1977, CIRCUMSTANCES LEADING TO SELECTION OF A CONSULTING FIRM FROM A NON-PRIORITY COUNTRY FOR MEGHNA-DHONAGODA PROJECT, WERE FULLY EXPLAINED TO HIM. RELEVANT INFORMATION TO THIS EFFECT WAS ALSO FORWARDED TO EEC THROUGH A LETTER FROM DR. HUEHNE, ADB PROJECT MANAGER OF DEVELOPMENT BANK DIVISION, TO MR. WIRSING, DIRECTOR OF PROJECTS OF DG VIII, DATED 21 MARCH 1977. EEC HAS NOT RAISED OBJECTION TO SELECTION SO MADE BY BANK.
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